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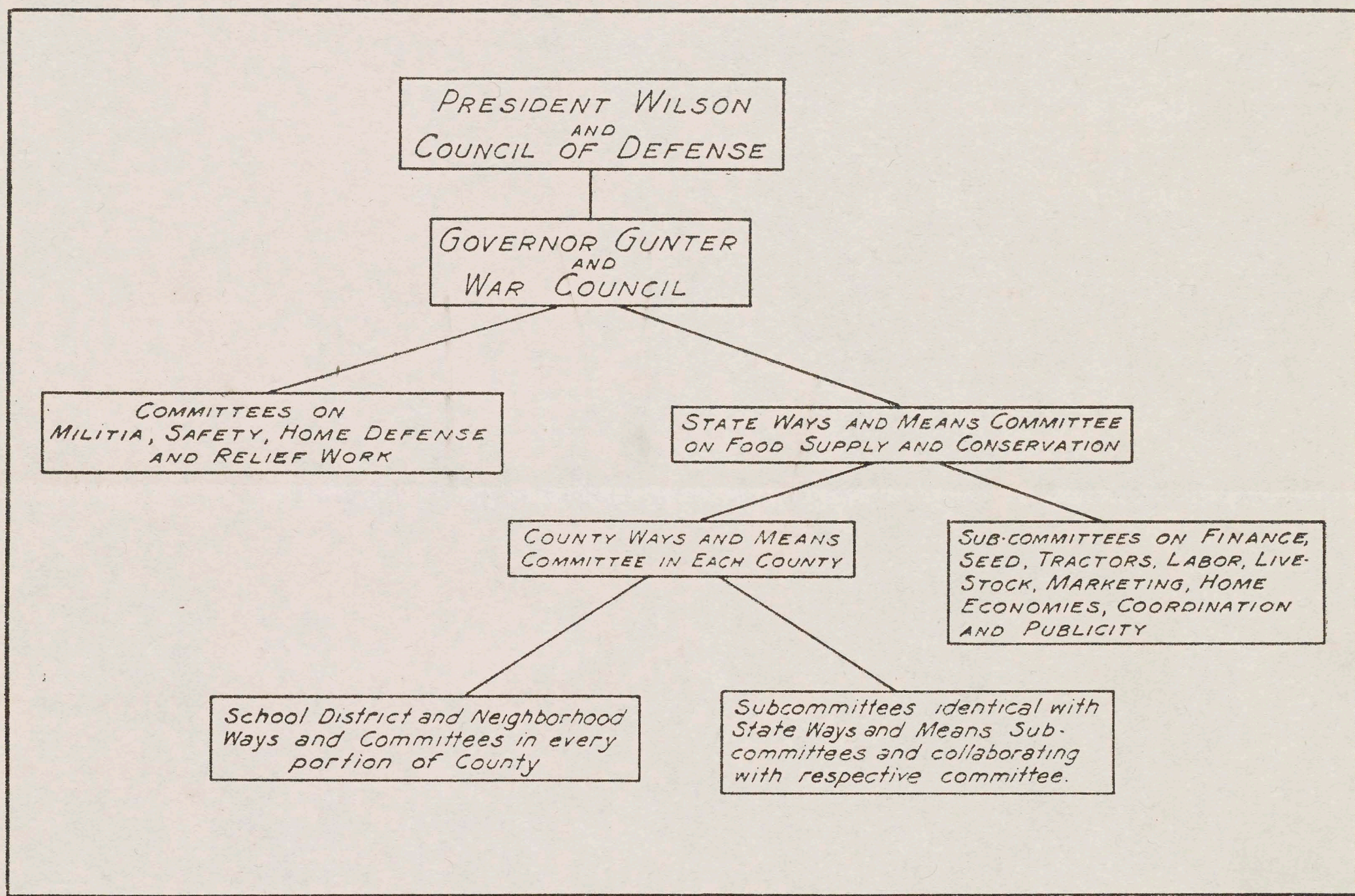
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Ways and Means Committee FOOD SUPPLY

Room 20, Second Floor, State Capitol, Denver

Plan of Organization



Plan and Scope of Various County Committees

WAYS AND MEANS

This committee shall have general supervision of the war activities in food production over the county, its object being, in the first place, to secure a complete survey of the needs of the farmers of the county, and, in the second place, of the possibilities for further production in various avenues. Its duty in the first instance is to endeavor to enable the various sections of the county to co-operate in every way possible. When outside aid is found to be essential in any direction, appeal is then made to the state Ways and Means Committee for the solution of the problem.

FINANCE

This committee is charged with the collection of such funds as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Ways and Means Committee and its officers and with the procuring of all possible aid for needy and worthy farmers in the county. The local banks should be impressed with the necessity of going the limit in the matter of loans and reducing the interest charges to a minimum. The Denver banks stand ready to rediscount the paper of local banks at five and a half and six per cent. interest so as to keep the local banks supplied with such money as they need. Where aid is needed beyond that which banks can give it has been found that an appeal by the Finance Committees to well-to-do business men, professional men and farmers to act as a "big brother" to some worthy farmer during this season, aiding him with funds and advice, has been most effective all over the state. When problems come up that the local Finance Committee cannot solve, they should communicate with the State Finance Committee.

ORGANIZATION

This committee is charged with the duty of forming "Farmers' Clubs" in every school district in the county and urging the organization of such plans as seem best in each district so that the utmost of production can be had and the maximum of household economy practiced. Blanks to facilitate the work of this committee are furnished by the state Ways and Means Committee and should be put in the hands of every farmer of the county in order that a complete survey of the situation can be made. The committee should keep in touch with its local organizations so that the instructions of the War or Agricultural Departments at Washington can be transmitted through the state and county organizations to the school districts in the shortest possible space of time.

CO-ORDINATION

This committee is designed to prevent the overlapping or conflict of independent effort. It has been found that well-meaning organizations, civic, religious and social, oftentimes start campaigns and plans according to their own ideas which, while worthy in themselves, are not in harmony with federal and state plans and so, not only do not add their power to the state and federal power, but really detract from that power and cause an endless amount of confusion and waste of energy and time. The co-ordination of all efforts along unified lines is absolutely essential to the proper working out of a comprehensive system of organization.

PUBLICITY

This committee is charged with the responsibility of keeping in touch with the work going on over the country and of supplying the local newspapers each week with brief reports so that the people of the entire county may be apprised of what is going on in the various sections. This will inspire a generous rivalry that will aid in the general work of the committee. This committee is expected to notify the state Publicity Committee of important events within the county in order that they may be given state-wide publicity. The state Publicity Committee will furnish the local county papers with state news of interest.

HOME ECONOMICS

This committee is charged with the instruction of the housewives of the county in matters of economy, preserving, drying and otherwise preparing all excess foods for winter use. "Flying Squadrons" of instructors and demonstrators are to be organized by the State Agricultural College at

SEED

This committee is expected to make an immediate survey of the county to ascertain the kind of seed desired by each farmer and the amount of seed in the county available for this purpose. It is the duty of the committee to then see to it that the excess of seeds in certain districts are sent to districts short of seed, and, by this means, procure the seeding of every available acre of land through the aid to be furnished by the Finance Committee. If any excess of seed is in a county over and above its needs, this fact should be reported to the state Seed Committee so that the excess may be available for use in some county which is short. If a shortage exists the state Seed Committee will undertake to advise where a supply can be obtained to make up the shortage.

LIVE STOCK

This committee is expected to make an immediate survey of the live stock of the county including cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, chickens and ducks, and to encourage the increase of each by every means possible. It is expected to render aid where it is needed and it can be procured through the Finance Committee. In the event of the need of aid more than the local Finance Committee can furnish, an appeal to the state Live Stock Committee will result in the efforts of that committee to meet the requirements.

TRACTORS

This committee is expected to ascertain the location and power of each tractor in the county and to arrange for its use to the maximum over the county. If it develops that there is an excess of tractors in a county, this fact should be reported to the state Tractor Committee in order that such tractors may be mobilized in other sections of the state which may be short. If there is a shortage, this shortage should be reported to the state Tractor Committee in order that it may supply additional tractors at such times as they may be needed, which dates should be set forth in the application to the state committee.

FARM LABOR

This committee is expected to make an immediate survey of the county to ascertain how much labor there is now available and what additional labor will be needed during the various harvesting seasons and planting seasons to come. The dates of these seasons should be set forth and the number of men needed conservatively estimated. This information should be forwarded to the state Committee on Farm Labor which is making a survey of the state with a view to an attempt to mobilize a supply of labor that may be transferred from one section of the state to another to meet the harvesting demands as they occur. The work of this committee should be painstakingly done and the full strength of the county should be mobilized before any request for outside aid is made, and such request should be kept down to the lowest figures consistent with thorough work.

MARKETING

This committee will prove one of the most important committees in the county when the harvesting shall have been completed. Mr. W. H. Kerr, chairman of the state Marketing Committee, is the federal marketing expert for this district and one of the most competent men in the United States. His plans should be ascertained by the chairman of the local Marketing Committees as soon as named, and a letter to Mr. Kerr from the chairman of the local committee will bring explicit instructions which will mean the most advantageous handling of the product of the county when harvested.

Fort Collins and sent over the state to co-operate with the committees on Home Economics in instructing the housewives in all matters pertaining to canning, drying and preserving every particle of food from waste. The chairmen of these committees should, upon appointment, communicate with the state Ways and Means Committee for complete instructions as to duties.